



CROP-WEATHER REPORT

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Month of February 2006

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Sub-zero temperatures hit mid-February.

Hay and roughage supplies remain adequate.

Calving and lambing in full swing.

Sub-zero weather in mid-February drove average temperatures for the month below normal. Temperatures ranged widely with high temperatures mostly in the 60's, and lows in the minus teens and minus 20's. Precipitation was mostly below normal with just a few areas mostly in the Central and Southeast receiving above normal amounts.

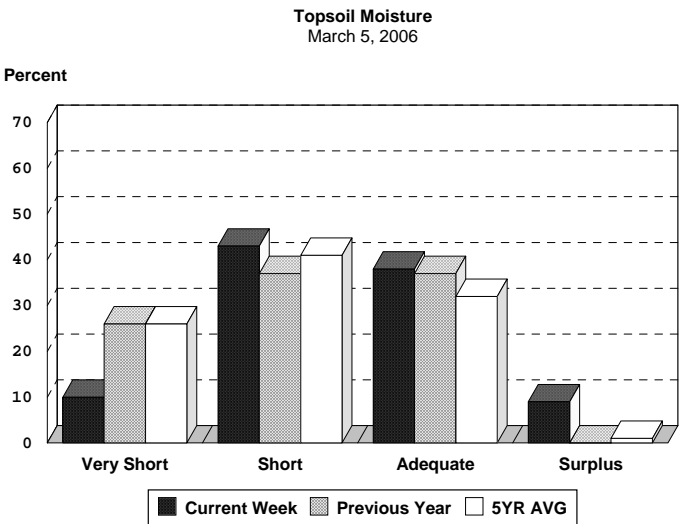
Topsoil moisture was rated adequate to surplus in 47 percent of the state, up 2 points from February 3rd. Supplies were 10 points above last year and 14 points better than the 5-year average. Subsoil moisture was rated 43 percent adequate to surplus, 13 points more than last year and 19 points better than the 5-year average. Stock water supplies were rated adequate in 70 percent of the state, up 5 percent from last month. The average depth of snow was about 1.6 inches across the state. A few western counties reported about 9 inches while most of the remaining counties had no snow cover.

SOIL MOISTURE TABLE

	TOPSOIL			SUBSOIL		
	This Week	Last Year	5-yr Avg	This Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Short	10	26	26	22	36	37
Short	43	37	41	35	34	39
Adeq	38	37	32	37	30	24
Surp	9	0	1	6	0	0

HAY SUPPLIES

	This Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Short	0	2	16
Short	2	17	24
Adequate	79	75	56
Surplus	19	6	4



FIELD CROP REPORT: The winter wheat crop condition held steady despite a severe cold snap and some high winds. On March 5th, 45 percent was rated good and none excellent. Wind damage to winter wheat was light on 61 percent of the acreage, 14 percent had moderate damage, and 4 percent had severe damage. Cold temperatures caused light freeze damage in February on 19 percent of the wheat crop with some moderate to severe freeze damage in isolated areas in the Southeast.

CROP CONDITION TABLE

ITEM	V POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCEL
Percent					
Winter Wht	1	8	46	45	0

LIVESTOCK PROGRESS TABLE

	This Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Spring Calves Born	26	21	23
Farm Flock Ewes Lambed	35	26	29
Farm Flock Sheep Shorn	39	29	31

LIVESTOCK, PASTURE, AND RANGE REPORT: Cattle condition was rated 81 percent good or excellent, up 5 points from last month. Sheep condition was steady with 79 percent in good or excellent condition, unchanged from last month. Hay and roughage supplies remain abundant. As of March 5th, 98 percent of the state had adequate or surplus hay supplies. Last year at this time, 81 percent was adequate or surplus. Calving and lambing were moving ahead of the average pace with 26 percent of the calves and 35 percent of the lambs on the ground. Calf and lamb losses were mostly normal but cold temperatures coupled with blizzard conditions resulted in some heavy losses in the Southeast. Thirty-nine percent of the farm flock had been shorn, also ahead of the average.

WEATHER SUMMARY: Temperatures during the four weeks ending Friday, March 3rd, turned frigid mid-month driving averages below normal across all stations. Averages ranged from 1.1 degree below normal in Laramie and Riverton to 8.1 degrees below normal in Afton. The high temperature was 73 in Torrington and the low was minus 41 in Redbird. Precipitation was mostly below normal. The most precipitation was reported in Chugwater with 0.94 inches, Lander with 0.89 inches, and Afton with 0.75 inches.

TEMPERATURE : PRECIPITATION								
STATION	:	:	:	:	:	:	CUMULATIVE	1/
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	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
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	:	:	:	FROM	PAST	FROM	TO	CURR
MAX	MIN	NORM	MONTH	NORM	DATE	MONTH	NORM	

SNAKE DRAINAGE								
Jackson	52	-24	-4.8	0.65	-0.48	3.08	2.69	0.39
Afton	53	-20	-8.1	0.75	-0.50	2.96	2.86	0.10
GREEN & BEAR DRAINAGE								
Uinta County AP	45	-14	-5.4	0.43	-0.25	1.04	1.48	-0.44
Big Piney AP	44	-34	-5.4	0.57	0.27	1.06	0.69	0.37
Rock Springs AP	53	-20	-3.7	0.22	-0.31	0.63	1.24	-0.61
BIG HORN DRAINAGE								
Cody	63	-19	-1.7	0.13	-0.20	0.21	0.79	-0.58
Deaver	70	-16	-1.9	0.00	-0.14	0.02	0.31	-0.29
Greybull AP	69	-19	-1.5	0.02	-0.28	0.02	0.78	-0.76
Powell Field St	68	-16	-2.3	0.00	-0.15	0.06	0.34	-0.28
Worland FAA AP	66	-23	-2.3	0.08	-0.15	0.10	0.53	-0.43
POWDER, LITTLE MO. & TONGUE DRAINAGE								
Kaycee	62	-28	-6.8	0.47	0.04	0.75	0.92	-0.17
Sheridan WSO AP	68	-22	-2.4	0.52	-0.08	0.64	1.44	-0.80
BELLE FOURCHE DRAINAGE								
Dillinger	63	-34	-2.0	0.24	-0.34	0.53	1.07	-0.54
Sundance	61	-21	-1.8	0.71	-0.02	1.02	1.52	-0.50
CHEYENNE & NIOBRARA DRAINAGE								
Newcastle	64	-24	-2.8	0.70	0.08	0.72	1.18	-0.46
Redbird	67	-41	-4.2	0.26	-0.22	0.43	0.88	-0.45
LOWER PLATTE DRAINAGE								
Casper AP	60	-32	-4.1	0.66	0.00	1.50	1.34	0.16
Cheyenne AP	67	-20	-3.8	0.56	0.01	0.61	1.10	-0.49
Chugwater	68	-28	-4.5	0.94	0.29	1.35	1.35	0.00
Douglas AP	63	-32	-4.0	0.30	-0.26	0.89	1.01	-0.12
Torrington AP	73	-28	-2.9	0.19	-0.27	0.33	0.84	-0.51
Wheatland 4 N	69	-35	-5.2	0.50	0.12	0.50	0.66	-0.16
WIND RIVER DRAINAGE								
Lander AP	64	-25	-2.8	0.89	0.30	1.03	1.19	-0.16
Riverton AP	58	-28	-1.4	0.42	0.15	0.56	0.56	0.00
UPPER PLATTE DRAINAGE								
Laramie AP	61	-16	-1.1	0.05	-0.44	0.11	1.02	-0.91
Rawlins AP	52	-25	-4.7	0.02	-0.50	0.05	1.15	-1.10
Saratoga	57	-16	-4.1	0.03	-0.46	0.04	1.02	-0.98

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